

# The Washington Post NEWS

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone July 18-21, 2013, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including landline and cell phone-only respondents. Results have a 3.5 point error margin. The error margin is 4.5 points for the sample of white respondents and 11 points among African Americans. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3

7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

7/21/13 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. The economy	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
b. Immigration issues	43	23	20	44	13	31	13

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3

10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

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#### b. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	43	23	20	44	13	31	13
5/19/13	46	25	21	41	11	30	13
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
7/21/13	36	60	4
5/19/13	39	57	4
1/13/13	39	57	5
10/31/12 LV	43	55	2
10/13/12 RV	42	56	3
9/29/12 RV	38	60	2
8/25/12 RV	29	69	2
7/8/12	33	63	4
4/8/12	33	64	3
1/15/12	30	68	2
11/3/11	22	74	3
9/1/11	20	77	3
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	1
11/15/09	44	55	2
10/18/09	44	54	2
8/17/09	44	55	1
6/21/09	47	50	3

4/24/09	50	48	2
3/29/09	42	57	1
2/22/09	31	67	2
1/16/09	19	78	3
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3
11/4/06 RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	30	68	2
10/8/06	32	66	2
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4
2/14/99	55	41	4
11/1/98	55	43	2
9/13/98*	51	45	3
8/21/98	57	40	4
7/12/98	50	45	6
4/4/98	55	41	4
1/31/98	61	34	5
1/30/98	61	34	5
1/19/98	44	50	6
8/27/97	39	57	4
6/8/97	37	60	3
3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2

10/4/92	RV	18	78	4
6/7/92		14	83	3
4/9/92		16	81	3
3/11/92		18	79	4
1/15/92		19	78	3
11/10/91		24	72	4
10/29/91		26	71	3
8/27/91		31	60	9
7/28/91		30	67	3
6/2/91		39	57	4
4/9/91		42	51	7
2/26/91		58	39	3
1/27/91		49	48	4
10/14/90		19	79	2
9/9/90		36	60	4
8/20/90		35	60	5
7/24/90		37	60	2
5/21/90		39	60	2
3/26/90		44	53	2
2/4/90		49	48	3
1/16/90		48	49	3
5/23/89		42	55	3
3/16/89		46	52	2
1/16/89	LV	51	46	3
10/25/88	LV	49	46	6
9/27/88		48	44	8
7/11/88		40	56	4
5/25/88		35	59	6
3/21/88		40	56	4
1/23/88		39	59	2
12/13/87		49	47	4
12/2/87		35	61	4
9/23/87		43	54	4
6/29/87		35	62	3
4/13/87		37	60	3
3/9/87		38	58	4
1/18/87		39	56	5
9/8/86		50	48	2
1/26/86		45	47	8
7/29/85		52	43	6
1/16/85		59	36	4
5/22/84		47	48	5
12/13/83		43	51	6
11/7/83		51	44	5
4/12/83		41	54	4
3/2/83		43	53	3
10/11/82		35	57	8
1/30/82		39	56	5
2/80**		20	70	10
2/78		34	53	13
2/77		41	44	14
10/75		19	71	9
10/74		15	75	11
10/73		16	74	10

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\*\*2/80 and previous: Roper

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

----- Approve -----	----- Disapprove -----	No
NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion

7/21/13	21	5	16	73	20	53	7
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4
1/13/13	19	4	15	76	21	55	4
1/15/12	13	3	11	84	19	65	3
10/2/11	14	3	11	82	20	62	4
3/13/11	27	7	20	69	24	45	4
1/16/11	28	6	21	66	24	43	7
10/28/10 RV	23	6	17	74	21	53	3
10/3/10	24	6	18	73	22	51	3
9/2/10	25	5	20	72	21	51	4
6/6/10	26	7	20	71	20	51	2
3/26/10	24	7	18	72	18	54	4
2/8/10	26	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	3
7/13/08	23			71			6
2/1/08	33			59			8
12/9/07	32			60			8
11/1/07	28			65			7
9/30/07	29			65			6
7/21/07	37			60			4
6/1/07	39	"	"	53	"	"	8
4/15/07	44	8	36	54	25	29	3
2/25/07	41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5
1/19/07	43			50			8
12/11/06	37	"	"	57	"	"	6
11/4/06 RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4
10/22/06	31	5	25	65	27	38	4
10/8/06	32	5	27	66	29	37	2
9/7/06	40	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	5
8/6/06	36			60			4
5/15/06	33			63			4
4/9/06	35			62			3
3/5/06	36			62			3
1/26/06	43			53			4
1/8/06	41			55			5
12/18/05	43			53			4
11/2/05	37			59			4
8/28/05	37			59			4
6/5/05	41			54			4
10/29/03	40			52			9
4/30/03	57			37			6
9/26/02	51			43			6
7/15/02	57			36			7
2/21/02	57			39			4
1/27/02	58			35			7
12/19/01	59			34			7
9/9/01	45			48			7
7/30/01	48			48			4
4/22/01	58			33			8
10/31/99	42			53			6
9/2/99	46			47			7
6/6/99	48			46			6
3/14/99	44			49			7
2/14/99	46			50			4
12/20/98	44			51			5
12/19/98	45			50			5
12/13/98	49			46			5
11/7/98	41			55			4
11/1/98	49			47			5
10/25/98	45			44			11
10/18/98	46			45			8
9/28/98	52			44			4
9/13/98*	56			38			6
8/21/98	55			39			6

7/12/98	46	44	11
5/12/98	45	45	9
4/4/98	47	45	8
1/31/98	55	35	10
1/30/98	55	35	10
1/25/98	56	37	8
1/24/98	55	38	7
1/19/98	47	49	5
10/13/97	36	57	7
8/27/97	39	54	7
7/8/97	40	53	6
4/24/97	40	53	7
3/9/97	35	60	5
1/15/97	38	56	6
8/5/96	42	52	7
6/30/96	35	58	7
5/22/96	35	60	5
3/10/96	30	64	6
1/7/96	31	65	5
11/19/95	27	68	5
10/1/95	32	65	3
7/17/95	34	63	3
4/5/95	37	57	6
3/19/95	39	56	5
1/29/95	42	52	6
10/31/94	21	72	8
10/23/94	18	78	4
9/11/94	24	70	5
6/26/94	34	61	5
3/27/94	35	62	3
2/27/94	32	64	4
1/23/94	29	60	11
11/14/93	28	66	6
8/8/93	33	64	3
4/26/93	30	69	2
1/17/93	29	66	6
6/7/92	16	77	6
4/9/92	17	78	5
3/18/92	19	76	5
3/8/92	22	73	6
2/2/92	32	64	4
12/15/91	35	59	6
10/21/91	45	50	5
6/2/91	49	46	5
10/14/90	34	63	3
2/4/90	41	55	4
1/16/90	39	55	6
8/21/89	42	53	5
5/23/89	54	44	2
2/14/89	53	44	3
1/23/88**	43	53	4
6/1/87	56	40	4
6/22/85	54	37	9
5/83	33	43	24
6/81	38	40	22
6/79	19	61	20
9/78	29	49	22
6/77	34	42	24
6/75	29	54	17
8/74	48	35	17

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\*\*1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

5. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) In your view, is the leadership of the Republican Party currently taking the party in the (right direction) or in the (wrong direction)?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Mixed/depends (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	37	52	NA	12
8/5/12*	58	32	NA	11
11/31/09**	49	42	NA	9
11/2/05	76	23	NA	1
10/29/03	74	17	5	4
3/30/94***	58	24	7	11

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\*\*\*Gallup

6. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) In your view, is the leadership of the Democratic Party currently taking the party in the (right direction) or in the (wrong direction)?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Mixed/depends (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	72	21	NA	7
8/5/12*	66	23	NA	11
11/2/05	62	30	NA	8
10/29/03	57	25	9	9

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7. What's more important to you - that political leaders (stick with their positions on important issues, even if it means a lack of cooperation between Democrats and Republicans); or that political leaders (try to cooperate across party lines, even if it means compromising on important issues)?

	Stick with their positions	Try to cooperate across party lines	No opinion
7/21/13	26	68	6
10/12/10	37	57	6
2/22/09	31	66	3

8. As you may know, the U.S. Senate passed an immigration law that includes (a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants now living in the United States), and (stricter border control at a cost of 46 billion dollars). Given what you know about it, do you support or oppose the immigration law passed by the Senate? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/21/13	46	19	27	44	14	30	10

9. The immigration law now is in the House of Representatives. Would you rather see the House (have an up-or-down vote on the Senate plan), or (break the Senate plan into individual pieces to be considered separately)?

	Up-or-down vote	Break into individual pieces	Not consider at all (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	32	53	2	13



10. Say the House does NOT approve a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Would you feel (relieved) or (disappointed)? IF DISAPPOINTED: Would you be angry about that, or disappointed but not angry?

	Relieved	NET	Disappointed Angry	Disappointed Not angry	No opinion
7/21/13	40	50	13	37	10

11. (IF DISAPPOINTED) Who would you mainly blame for that - (Obama, for not winning the needed votes) or (the Republicans in the House, for leading the opposition)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	20	63	10	3	4

11/12 NET:

	Relieved	NET	Disappointed Blame Obama	Disappointed Blame Reps.	Disappointed Blame both (vol.)	Disappointed Blame neither (vol.)	No op.	No op.
7/21/13	40	50	10	31	5	2	2	10

12. What do you think is more important right now - (for the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy); or (for the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats)?

	Investigate threats	Don't intrude on privacy	No opinion
7/21/13	57	39	4
6/9/13*	62	34	4
11/21/10	68	26	6
1/15/10	75	23	2
12/11/06	63	34	3
9/7/06	65	32	3
5/15/06	67	30	3
5/11/06	65	31	4
1/8/06	65	32	3
9/7/03**	73	21	5
9/8/02	78	18	4
6/9/02	79	18	3

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\*\*9/7/03 and previous: "FBI" rather than "federal government"

13. A former government contractor named Edward Snowden has released information to the media about intelligence-gathering efforts by the U.S. National Security Agency. Do you support or oppose Snowden being charged with a crime for disclosing the NSA's intelligence-gathering efforts? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	NET	Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly	No opinion
7/21/13	53	36	17	36	16	19	11
6/16/13*	43	23	20	48	20	27	9

\*"surveillance program" instead of "intelligence-gathering efforts"

14. All told, do you think Snowden's disclosures have harmed U.S. security or not? (IF YES) Do you think they have harmed U.S. security a great deal, or somewhat?

	NET	Yes Great deal	Yes Somewhat	No	No opinion
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7/21/13      49                      22                      27                      37                      13

15. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE A) Obama is scheduled to visit Russia later this summer. If Russia grants temporary asylum to Snowden, helping him to avoid facing charges in the United States, do you think Obama should (cancel his visit to Russia) or (go ahead with his visit regardless)?

	Should cancel his visit	Should go ahead with his visit regardless	No opinion
7/21/13	37	56	7

16. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE A) Again, if Russia assists Snowden, do you think the United States should boycott the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Russia or should the United States participate in the Olympic Games regardless?

	Should boycott	Should participate regardless	No opinion
7/21/13	14	82	4

17. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE B) Say another country grants asylum to Snowden, helping him to avoid facing charges in the United States. Do you think the United States should impose economic penalties by restricting its trade with any such country or do you think the U.S. should not impose economic penalties?

	Should impose economic penalties	Should not impose economic penalties	No opinion
7/21/13	39	54	7

18. Do you think that the National Security Agency's surveillance of telephone call records and internet traffic does or does not intrude on some Americans' privacy rights?

	Does intrude	Does not intrude	No Opinion
7/21/13	74	22	4

Compare to: In investigating terrorism, do you think the federal agencies like the FBI are or are not intruding on some Americans' privacy rights?

	Are	Are not	No opinion
9/7/06	61	35	4
1/8/06*	64	32	4
9/7/03	58	33	8

\*"do you think federal agencies are or are not"

19. (IF NSA INTRUDES ON AMERICANS' PRIVACY) Do you think those intrusions are justified or not justified?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
7/21/13	39	55	6
9/7/06*	54	40	6
1/8/06	49	46	5
9/7/03	63	29	8

\*9/7/06 among those who said "federal agencies like the FBI" are intruding; 1/8/06 and earlier "federal agencies are intruding"

18/19 NET:

	NET	----- Intrusion ----- Just.      Not just.      No op.	Not an intrusion	No opin.
7/21/13	74	28      40      5	22	4
9/7/06	61	33      24      4	35	4
1/8/06	64	31      30      4	32	4
9/7/03	58	36      17      4	33	8

20. Do you think the NSA surveillance program does or does not intrude on your own personal privacy rights?

	Does intrude	Does not intrude	No Opinion
7/21/13	49	44	7

21. (IF NSA INTRUDES ON RESPONDENT'S PRIVACY) Do you think those intrusions are justified or not justified?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
7/21/13	28	70	2

20/21 NET:

	NET	----- Intrusion ----- Just.      Not just.      No op.	Not an intrusion	No opin.
7/21/13	49	14      34      1	44	7

22. Would you say the NSA's surveillance program is making the United States (safer) from terrorism, (less safe), or not making much difference?

	Safer	Less safe	Not much difference	No opinion
7/21/13	42	5	47	6

23. Changing topics, overall, do you support or oppose the federal law making changes to the health care system? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	----- Support ----- Strongly      Somewhat	NET	----- Oppose ----- Somewhat      Strongly	No opinion
7/21/13	42	25      17	49	10      39	9
7/08/12	47	27      20	47	14      33	6
4/8/12	39	23      17	53	13      40	8
3/10/12	41	24      17	52	11      41	7

Compare to: Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the changes to the health care system that have been enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration)?

	NET	----- Support ----- Strongly      Somewhat	NET	----- Oppose ----- Somewhat      Strongly	No opinion
1/16/11	45	25      20	50	14      36	5
12/12/10	43	22      21	52	14      37	6
10/3/10	47	26      21	48	13      35	5
3/26/10	46	32      13	50	10      40	4
2/8/10*	46	22      25	49	11      38	5
1/15/10	44	22      22	51	12      39	5
12/13/09	44	25      19	51	11      40	5
11/15/09	48	30      18	49	10      39	3
10/18/09	45	26      19	48	12      36	7

9/12/09	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
8/17/09	45	27	18	50	10	40	5

\*2/8/10 and prior: "proposed changes...that are being developed by"

24. The federal government has delayed for one year the requirement that companies with 50 or more employees have to provide health insurance to their employees or pay a fine. Do you approve or disapprove of the delay in this requirement?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/21/13	51	45	4

25. Do you think this delay (means that the overall health care law is so flawed it should be dropped), or do you think this (is just something that happens when changes are made in a complex system)?

	Health care law is so flawed it should be dropped	Something that happens when changes are made in a complex system	No Opinion
7/21/13	48	46	6

26. On another subject, all in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan has been worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	-----	Worth fighting	----	---	Not worth fighting	--	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	28	15	14	67	18	49	5
3/10/13	39	18	21	56	17	38	5
4/8/12	30	15	15	66	19	47	4
3/10/12	35	17	18	60	16	44	5
6/5/11	43	23	20	54	15	40	3
3/13/11	31	17	14	64	16	49	5
12/12/10	34	18	16	60	18	43	5
7/11/10	43	24	19	53	15	38	4
6/6/10	44	26	18	53	13	41	3
4/25/10	45	26	19	52	15	38	3
12/13/09	52	33	19	44	10	35	4
11/15/09	44	30	14	52	14	38	4
10/18/09*	47	28	19	49	13	36	4
9/12/09	46	28	18	51	14	37	3
8/17/09	47	31	15	51	10	41	3
7/18/09	51	34	18	45	11	34	4
3/29/09	56	37	19	41	12	28	4
2/22/09	50	34	17	47	9	37	3
12/14/08	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
7/13/08	51			45			4
2/25/07	56	"	"	41	"	"	3

\*10/18/09 "was" and "has been" wording half sampled. Previous "was."

27. Do you think the war in Afghanistan has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? (IF YES) Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

	-----	Contributed	-----	Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion
7/21/13	43	17	26	50	6
3/10/13	51	21	30	42	6
6/5/11	57	25	32	39	4
12/12/10	53	22	32	40	6

7/11/10	53	25	28	44	3
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28. In the year ahead, would you rather have the United States (remove all U.S forces from Afghanistan), or (remove most U.S. forces from Afghanistan but keep some there for training and anti-insurgency operations)?

	Remove all forces	Remove most forces	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	43	53	1	2

29. On another subject, do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?

	Receive equal treatment	Do not receive equal treatment	No opinion
Among all:			
7/21/13	45	50	6
4/8/12	37	55	7
2/4/97	55	38	6
5/7/96	36	55	9
10/6/95	44	50	6
10/3/95	47	44	8
9/27/95	47	46	6
4/30/92	39	50	11
7/2/88*	43	43	15

\*Associated Press/Media General Poll

Among African Americans:

7/21/13	8	86	6
4/8/12	10	84	6
2/4/97	19	78	3
5/7/96	12	81	7
10/6/95	9	88	2
10/3/95	19	73	8
9/27/95	12	87	2
4/30/92	8	89	3

Among whites:

7/21/13	54	41	6
4/8/12	44	49	7
2/4/97	61	32	7
5/7/96	41	49	10
10/6/95	52	42	6
10/3/95	52	40	8
9/27/95	54	39	7
4/30/92	46	43	12

30. There is a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, shot and killed an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. As far as you've heard do you think this shooting was justified or unjustified, or do you not know enough about it to say?

	Justified	Unjustified	Don't know enough to say	No opinion
7/21/13 All	26	40	32	2
Blacks	5	87	8	0
Whites	33	33	32	2
4/8/12* All	4	44	51	1
Blacks	1	80	19	0

Whites 5 38 56 1  
 \*"There recently was a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer shot and killed an unarmed teenager..."

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's verdict last week finding Zimmerman not guilty in Martin's death? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
7/21/13 All	41	27	14	41	8	32	18
7/21/13 Blacks	9	6	3	86	3	84	5
7/21/13 Whites	51	35	17	31	9	22	18

32. Regardless of the verdict in the state criminal court, do you think the federal government should or should not charge Zimmerman in federal court with violating Martin's civil rights?

	Should be charged	Should not be charged	No opinion
7/21/13 All	39	46	15
7/21/13 Blacks	81	13	6
7/21/13 Whites	27	59	14

33. On another subject, do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	NET	All cases	Most cases	NET	Most cases	All cases	No opinion
7/21/13	55	20	35	41	26	15	3
3/10/12	54	21	33	43	25	17	3
7/17/11	54	19	35	44	30	15	2
3/26/10	53	17	35	45	27	18	2
11/23/09	54	19	35	43	28	16	2
6/21/09	55	20	35	43	26	17	2
9/7/08 RV	57	19	38	39	24	15	4
8/22/08	54	22	32	44	26	18	3
6/15/08	53	18	35	44	28	16	3
1/12/08	57	21	36	40	25	15	3
12/9/07	53	18	35	44	27	17	3
11/1/07	55	19	36	43	27	16	2
7/21/07	56	23	34	41	28	14	2
2/25/07	56	16	39	42	31	12	2
12/18/05	56	17	40	41	27	13	3
4/24/05	56	20	36	42	27	14	3
12/19/04	55	21	34	42	25	17	3
5/23/04	54	23	31	44	23	20	2
1/20/03	57	23	34	42	25	17	2
8/12/01	49	22	27	48	28	20	3
6/24/01	52	22	31	43	23	20	4
1/15/01	59	21	38	39	25	14	1
9/6/00 RV	55	20	35	42	25	16	3
7/23/00	53	20	33	43	26	17	4
9/2/99	56	20	37	42	26	15	2
3/14/99	55	21	34	42	27	15	3
7/12/98	54	19	35	42	29	13	4
8/5/96	56	22	34	41	27	14	3
6/30/96	58	24	34	40	25	14	2
10/1/95	60	26	35	37	25	12	3
9/21/95	60	24	36	36	25	11	4
7/17/95	59	27	32	40	26	14	1

34. Do you think each state should make its own laws on abortion, or do you think this should be decided for all states on the basis of the U.S. Constitution?

	States should make own laws	Should be decided by U.S. Constitution	No opinion
7/21/13	30	66	4

35. Several states are considering or recently have passed legislation that makes it more difficult for abortion clinics to operate there. Overall is this something you support or oppose? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/21/13	40	25	15	54	17	37	6

36. The U.S. Supreme Court has said abortion is legal without restriction in about the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. Some states have passed laws reducing this to 20 weeks. If it has to be one or the other, would you rather have abortions legal without restriction up to (20) weeks, or up to (24) weeks?

	Up to 20 weeks	Up to 24 weeks	Never legal (vol.)	Fewer weeks (vol.)	More weeks (vol.)	Always legal (vol.)	No op.
7/21/13	56	27	8	2	*	*	6

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	31	21	37	7	4
5/19/13	33	22	38	5	2
4/14/13	33	23	36	5	3
3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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